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SUBJECT: RP/US BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS AND MTN

REF: MANILA 1345

1. IN FURTHER EXPLORATION FEB 1 OF POSSIBLE TIMETABLE US/RP ECONOMIC TALKS, OCCASIONED BY CALL OF DEPUTY ASSTSEC EDMOND, FINSEC VIRATA STATED THAT GOP NOW SEES BILATERAL TALKS PROCEEDING VERY CLOSELY QUOTE IN PARALLEL UNQUOTE WITH MTN AND PROGRESS OF GSP DETERMINATIONS WITHIN USG. REFLECTING CABINET LEVEL REVIEW OF TIMETABLE AS A RESULT OF U.S. URGINGS RE TNC MEETING, VIRATA INDICATED IN EFFECT THAT BILATERAL TALKS WOULD DEAL WITH RESIDUAL ITEMS NOT EITHER CLEARLY PROVIDED AS GSP CONCESSIONS OR LIKELY TO PROSPER IN MTN TRADEOFFS.

2. REMINDED THAT MTN DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIFIC TARIFF CONCESSIONS INEVITABLY WOULD INVOLVE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH
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MAJOR TRADE PARTNERS ON ANY ITEM AT ISSUE, VIRATA MORE OR

LESS GRANTED THAT BILATERAL TALKS COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE
DEFERRED MUCH BEYOND THE BEGINNING OF SUBSTANTIVE MTN
TALKS. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY FIXING OF DATES
FOR US/RP TALKS SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF THE TNC MEETING AND
THE SCHEDULE OF MTN TALKS THAT PRESUMABLY WOULD EMERGE
THEREFROM.
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